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## PRESIDENT AND STATEHOOD.

The statehood question is settled. There is no doubt as to what will happen when congress meets again in regular session. Oklahoma and Indian Territory will be admitted as one state. A majority of the members of the house and senate have expressed themselves as personally favoring this action, and President Roosevelt committed himself to it in the short speech he made at Muskogee while enroute to his hunting grounds. The words of the president were as follows:

"I must say how impressed I have been traveling through the territory this morning. Your territory, remember, in conjunction with Oklahoma, will soon be one of the greatest states in the Union. I look forward to meeting your senators and congressmen not long hence. And now gentlemen, I earnestly hope that as you enter statehood, you will realize the immense responsibility that rests upon you. Statehood is a first-class state if you use it right. It will be a mighty poor thing if you do not."

There is no ambiguity in these sentences. They clearly show that President Roosevelt has made up his mind, and perhaps will recommend in his annual message, that statehood along the lines indicated should be granted at once to Oklahoma and Indian Territory. It may be a fortunate thing that Mr. Roosevelt happened to visit the territories at this time. His observations of the development of the country and his meeting and mingling with the people impressed him with a sense of the injustice that is being done by holding them as wards and victims of the department of the Interior. There is now a project on foot to persuade Speaker Cannon to make a visit to the territories. This plan is a good one and should be enlarged so as to include other influential members of congress who have been opposing statehood. Their opposition has been founded largely upon ignorance of territorial conditions. A visit would convince them of the errors of their ways, and next winter the vote for statehood for Indian Territory and Oklahoma would be practically unanimous.—Kansas City Journal.

### A Daredevil Ride

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## IS ISSUING DEEDS

Governor McCurtain Personally  
Commenced the Distribution  
of the Instruments

### WITHOUT HITCHCOCK'S APPROVAL

Patents Show No Signature of  
Secretary of Interior—Gov-  
ernor's Action May Re-  
sult in Trouble.

Muskogee, I. T., April 22.—Chief McCurtain is delivering patents to allotments to Indians at Kinta without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior or Dawes commission. He will deliver more next week. The commission has delivered 6,000 deeds and has 30,000 more held up in the office here. They won't send any more. The commission says that the questions will have to be settled by Hitchcock and the chiefs. They believe that the action of the chief will cause trouble and invoke radical orders from the department. The commission thinks the chief is delivering deeds to certain persons and holding up others. This will probably cause mandamus proceedings. They say that deeds thus far distributed are not good. Yesterday's action will result in a long fight between the chiefs and Hitchcock over the latter requiring his approval of the deeds.

Mr. Bixby declares that there are now 26,000 Choctaw and Chickasaw deeds at Muskogee pending delivery to the Indians. He could not say what step the Interior department would take in the matter as it was a matter between the chiefs and Hitchcock. Mr. Bixby believe the Indians chiefs intend to deliver deeds to only those whom they think are entitled to citizenship and in that case he expects to see mandamus proceedings brought by those not recognized by the chiefs. He says the actions of the chiefs indicate that they are trying to settle questions of citizenship themselves.

### MRS. GLOVER TESTIFIES.

Tells of Telephone Conversation Between Her Husband and Moore.

Austin, April 22.—After a lengthy consultation attorneys in Kirby-Vandervoort case agreed to limit argument to six hours on each side.

County Judge Hornsby was examined by the state to show that he had aided defense in selecting the jury. Hornsby admitted that he had.

Mrs. Frank Glover was placed on the stand and testified about the telephone conversation which Moore and her husband had when the grand jury was about to make an investigation of the alleged bribery, at which time the witness testified that Moore said to Mr. Glover that he thought it best they should not be seen together on the street.

Attorney Kemp testified as to Moore cursing McFall in Kemp's presence and Moore saying he was more because he (Moore) had not advised with him. Kalamity O'Nner was the last witness. He testified as to several trips he had made to Houston about the time that the grand jury was to take up the matter. His testimony was along the same lines given in the Moore case. He denied that he had assisted the state in the selection of a jury in this case.

### BLOUNT SPOKE.

Entertained the House Members on a Number of Subjects.

Austin, April 22.—There was no quorum in either legislative branch Friday morning. Senate recessed until 4 o'clock and house adjourned until Saturday.

Representative Blount addressed members present in house about an hour on San Jacinto day, fraternalism, etc.

### San Jacinto Day Observance.

Austin, April 22.—San Jacinto day was generally observed here, although there was no special demonstration. Most of the business houses closed. All state departments closed.

### Yukon's New Governor.

Victoria, B. C., April 22.—Private advices from Ottawa state that W. W. B. McInnes, member of the British Columbia legislature for Alberni, has been appointed governor of Yukon territory with residence at Dawson. Salary

## CHIEFS CLAIM TO HAVE AUTHORITY TO SIGN DEEDS

Refuse to Recognize or Even Allow Secretary Hitchcock to Interfere

### IT MAY START LITIGATION

Over Nine Million Acres of Land  
Is Now Tied Up By the  
Clash Between These  
Officers.

Muskogee, I. T., April 24.—Gov. McCurtain of the Choctaw nation has carried out his threats that he would deliver the patents of the government to allotments in the Choctaw nation direct to the allottees without the approval of the secretary of interior if the secretary attempted to exercise jurisdiction over the lands and leases of the Choctaws.

This is a result of a long controversy between the chiefs of the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations against the secretary of the interior. The chiefs claim that they alone have the power to give patents to the allottees of the nation and that the secretary of the interior, under the treaties and agreements with the Indians, has no authority whatever in the matter. When it was announced by Secretary Hitchcock that all patents in the Choctaw nation would have to bear his approval before they were delivered, the chiefs replied that before they would submit they would make and issue patents in their own name, under the powers given, in the original agreement and patent given the Choctaw nation by the government. No one thought the chiefs made this threat seriously, but the action of Gov. McCurtain leaves no doubt as to his intention.

From the beginning the Indians in these two nations have opposed the secretary in the assumption of authority over them. When he took the sale of coal lands out of the hands of the tribal authorities and ordered sealed bids on districts delivered to him in Washington, the Indians protested.

### MUTUALIZATION ASKED.

Agents of Equitable Lay Request Before Governor of New Jersey.

Albany, April 22.—The crisis in the affairs of the Equitable Life Assurance Society was laid before Governor Higgins at the executive chamber Friday afternoon by the committee of managing agents of the society, which came early in the day from Syracuse, where they made the same appeal for mutualization of the society to Superintendent Hendricks of the state insurance department. The views of the agents were presented to the governor by Joseph Bowes, manager for the Equitable at Baltimore, as chief spokesman. He agents also presented to the governor the resolution adopted in the week by the agents in New York City. Governor Higgins made every evidence of his appreciation of the seriousness of the request. His reply to the speeches was greeted with applause. He said the matter was in court, and should be there settled.

After referring to the sentimental attachment for the name of Hyde which, he said, had induced the old officers to stifle personal ambition and consent to elevation of Jas. B. Hyde to the vice presidency, Mr. Bowes declared futile the compromise involved in the amended charter made by the directors, and he concluded: "We appeal to you and to the legislature. We appeal to you to use the great power of your office to promote the movement for the amendment of the charter so as to secure immediate and complete mutualization of the society. Our appeal is made in the name of the policy holders, officers, managers and agents of this company throughout the entire world."

### PRINTING PLANT SEIZED.

Lottery Tickets For Several Mexican Concerns Getting Out In It.

San Antonio, April 22.—San Antonio United States secret service officers seized a printing plant here Friday with which lottery tickets have been printed. Several arrests have been made in connection with the affair. It is said tickets for several Mexican lotteries have been printed here and distributed all over the country.

There was a stipulated provision in the treaty as to how these lands should be sold, but the secretary of the interior insisted on the sealed bid plan. It has been a signal failure and none of the lands have been sold. This made the Indians madder than ever. Last November the Dawes commission sent 5,800 patents to allotments to the chiefs of the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations for their signature. The patents should have been returned, sent to Washington for approval of the secretary and then returned to the commission for record and again sent to the chiefs for delivery. When the chiefs found that the secretary was going to pass upon the patents they refused to return them. The secretary ordered the commission to send no more patents to the chiefs until they returned the ones they already had. The Dawes commission now has nearly 30,000 patents piled up in the office ready to send to the chiefs for signature as soon as the secretary will let them go. In the meantime the Indians are clamoring for the deeds to their allotments.

It is the general impression that the secretary of the interior will meet the radical measures of the Choctaw governor with equally radical measures. He will probably call upon the chiefs to deliver up the deeds to him. This they will refuse to do, and then trouble is expected. It is understood that the Indian chiefs are acting on the advice of their attorneys.

It is understood that attorneys in the Choctaw nation are advising the Indians to get their unapproved patents from the chiefs and then send them to the Dawes commission here to be placed on record. If they do so the commission will refuse to record them.

The importance of this matter will be realized at once when it is understood that there are 30,000 Indians waiting for their deeds and that each deed represents an allotment of 320 acres. It means that this clash of authority may tie up indefinitely 9,600,000 acres of the best land in the two nations.

### SEVERAL RAIDED.

Arrests Made at Houston and Also at Some Other Places.

Houston, April 22.—Officers of the postal department Friday raided lottery offices in this and some other cities. In this city they arrested Otto Taub, in San Antonio J. H. Scheffert and T. J. Tierman.

It was a raid made simultaneously to make it a success and to treat all parties alike.

The raid extended over several states and was one of the most sweeping for some time. The real essence of the charge means conspiracy to bring these lottery tickets into this country from Mexico.

### EISENBERG'S STORY.

Attorney For Nan Patterson Telegraphs to Chicago For Details.

New York, April 24.—Lawyer Abraham Levy, counsel for Nan Patterson, telegraphed to a Chicago lawyer to secure in detail the story of Samuel Eisenberg, who said he saw Caesar Young kill himself. Mr. Levy was informed in reply that Eisenberg told a convincing story and was willing to come to New York to testify to it. Mr. Levy said it tallied with that told by the witness, Hazelton of Ontario, N. Y., who testified for the defense in Nan Patterson's last trial. "The man does not speak English," said Mr. Levy, "and I do not know how he would stand under the fire of cross examination, but his story impresses me."

### RIVER PILOT GONE.

For Nearly One Month Captain Shindie Was Unable to Taste Food.

Cincinnati, April 24.—Captain R. G. Shindie, for thirty years secretary of the Pilots' association and known among river men from Pittsburgh to New Orleans, died at his home in Bellevue, Ky., of cancer of the throat. For nearly a month he had not tasted food. He was prominent in Kentucky politics as a Democrat. Realizing that death was near, he made all arrangements for his funeral, even to the selection of pallbearers.

## WILL FIGHT LUMBER TRUST

Carpenters and Builders of Muskogee Say There is Combine to Regulate Prices.

### WAS INCIDENT OF THE STRIKE

Unions Are Now Fighting the Contractor—Make the Charge Against the Dealers—Rate War.

Muskogee, I. T., April 24.—Carpenters and builders have started a fight on what they allege is a lumber trust or combine of the lumber dealers of the city, which they claim, has been in existence for over a year and which has forced the price of lumber up five or six dollars per thousand.

In the turmoil that has been started on account of the lockout declared by the contractors of the city against the unions and the proposed formation of a citizens' alliance, there are coming to light a good many things that have been kept under cover under the guise of "organization," and before the industrial questions that are now stirring the city are settled it is likely that there is going to be a readjustment in many lines. This charge against the lumber combine is an outgrowth of the labor difficulties. There are all sorts of talk about bringing legal proceedings against the lumbermen, but no action had been taken when the grand jury adjourned tonight. It is understood that this charge against the lumbermen came from the unions which are fighting the contractors. There are nine lumber yards here and eight of them are in the combine, and it is alleged that this combine has forced every independent company that has tried to do business to either get into the combine or else start a rate war on them that drove them out of business.

S. J. Hampton went out this morning to Bokchito and Pirtle where he will deliver lectures for the Farmers' Union.

Johan Simon of Blue was in city yesterday on business. He has disposed of his stock of merchandise at Blue to Bass & Maxwell.

### PLATES AND TICKETS.

Officials Say They Have Evidence That Printing Was Done at Two Places.

Houston, April 24.—The preliminary hearing of Otto Taub on the charge of sending lottery tickets out of the state was continued until May 6. Government officials are searching for additional evidence of lottery operations. Another batch of plates and printed tickets found at a local printing establishment.

Officials say they have ample evidence that tickets have been printed here and at San Antonio for the last two years. Arrests and revelations produced a great sensation at Houston, where thousands of dollars' worth of the lottery business has been done weekly.

### ONE SIGNED.

Two Others Measures Have Been Filed With Secretary of State.

Austin, April 24.—Governor Lanham has signed the county auditor bill. It has the emergency clause and becomes effective at once. The bill provides for the creation of the office of county auditor in all counties having cities with a population of 25,000 or over. The governor also filed the Dallas charter bill and the Dallas county road law bill with the secretary of state. These bills were filed without his signature, and as both have the emergency clause, they will become law twenty days after the adjournment of the regular session of the legislature, which will be May 9.

Farmers' Co-Operative Union of Oklahoma and Indian Territory meets at Tahomah in July.

John Crowe, an aged farmer, was shot and killed at his home near Asher, Okla. Several arrests were made.

Near New Braunfels, Tex., a boy named Bruno Zipp accidentally shot and killed himself with a shotgun.

Hon. O. B. Colquitt announces that he is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor of Texas.

### NORTHERN SETTLERS.

Thousands of Persons, Including Two Governors, Are on Hand.

Galveston, April 22.—The Northern Settlers' convention convened Friday morning for a three days' session. Fifteen thousand people are here and incoming trains are all heavily loaded. Governors Macey of Nebraska and Cummins of Iowa arrived Thursday. There is a constant stream of visitors to the cruiser Galveston.

### BAD BRICKLAYER.

Empties Revolver at Fellow Unionists and Kills One of Them.

Hot Springs, Ark., April 22.—T. J. Cavanaugh, a bricklayer from St. Louis, emptied his revolver into a number of brick masons here, John Madigan of Clinton, Mass., was killed instantly, and in the scramble for safety several were severely hurt. The trouble arose over differences in the local bricklayers' union. Cavanaugh was arrested and jailed.

### NOTED TURFMAN GONE.

"Virginia" Carroll Departs This Life at the Crescent City.

New Orleans, April 22.—James J. Carroll, better known as "Virginia" Carroll, and for many years one of the most noted figures on the American turf, is dead here of cancer at the age of forty-seven. He was born in this city and was a member of a family prominent in business and social circles. He was brilliantly educated and a graduate of Randolph Mason college, Ashland, Va.

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